



PATENT APPLICATION

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Didier RAOULT et al.

Group Art Unit: 1645

Application No.: 09/936,921

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For: DIAGNOSIS OF WHIPPLE'S DISEASE

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired October 28, 2004, an extension of time for a period of 2 month is hereby requested. A one month extension of time having been paid on November 10, 2004, attached hereto is our Check No. 162015 in the amount of \$340.00 in payment for:

 Extension fee for response within first month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$120.00)

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 Extension fee for response within third or subsequent month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$1020.00)

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